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John Harada, *et al.*

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for two months, from March 4, 2002 to May 6, 2002 accompanies this Amendment. A Declaration of John J. Harada, Ph.D. ("the Harada Declaration") and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) also accompanies this Amendment.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 21, 35, 42, 47, 54, ~~and 55~~ and add new claims 70-
73 as follows: